



LESSON 22: THE TRUTH

A
WEEK HAS
PASSED
SINCE
HIBIKI WAS
DISMISSED
FROM S&B
PRO...



MIKI AND I ARE
AT OUR LIMITS
COVERING FOR
WHAT HIBIKI
LEFT BEHIND...



WE HAVE TO
MEET WITH
PRESIDENT
KUROKI OFTEN
TO DISCUSS
WHAT WILL
HAPPEN WITH
PROJECT
FAIRY...



WE KNOW
OF NOTHING
BEFORE-
HAND.

MIKI
DIDN'T
KNOW
ANYTHING
ABOUT
IT...

WHY'D HIBIKI-
CHAN LEAVE?
DID YOU KNOW
SOMETHING LIKE
THIS WOULD
HAPPEN?





...I NEVER
WOULD'VE
THOUGHT THAT
KID WOULD
GET INVOLVED
AND NOT A 765
PRO IDOL.



SPEAKING
OF TAKASHI-
GONO, I HAD
HEARD THAT
HE WAS IN-
JURED AND IS
CURRENTLY
UNDER
MEDICAL
CARE...



TRAP
...!?

OH. I WON'T
SAY THAT YOU
SHOULDN'T
UTILIZE BLATANT
TRAPS LIKE
THAT SINCE,
THE PLAN IS TO
CAUSE THE
MOST DAMAGE
IN THE LEAST
AMOUNT OF
TIME.



WELL,
WASN'T
STEALING
HOSHII MIKI
FROM THEM
THE SMAR-
TEST THING
DONE THIS
TIME?



HEHE... THAT
GRANDSON OF
TAKASU ENDED
UP LIKE THIS
BECAUSE HE
WAS TOO EMBE-
ZZLED. I HOPE
THIS WAS A
GOOD LESSON
FOR HIM.

AT THE
LEAST,
THAT DAY'S
SCHEDULE FOR THE
IDOLS WAS
THROWN
INTO
CHAOS.

THERE
WERE SOME
RESULTS
OF YOUR
ACTIONS
THOUGH.



THAT
HOSHII MIKI
CANNOT GO
BACK TO
765 PRO.

OH, AS
LONG AS I
HAVE THIS
PICTURE



A PICTURE
AND HOSHII
MIKI...?











SO, PRODUCER

PLEASE
WATCH OVER
US ON TV.



LEAVE IT TO
ME. I'LL WORK
PERFECTLY!

NIHI! YOU
DON'T HAVE
TO TELL US
TWICE.



IF YOU DON'T
EAT PROPERLY,
YOU WON'T
GET BETTER!

ALSO,
SOME TEA
TOO...

AH,
I MADE
LUNCH
ALSO!



I GUESS
I'LL TAKE A
BREAK FOR
NOW.

WAA!







I'M SAYING THAT I'LL TAKE
CARE OF YOU, YUITAROU!
AREN'T YOU GLAD
ABOUT THAT?



W-WHAT DO
YOU MEAN BY
THAT!?

HAHA. LEAVE
THOSE LITTLE
THINGS TO ME.
NOW GO FULLY
REST UP,
YUITAROU!



EH...



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I FEEL LIKE
I'VE HEARD
THIS VOICE
BEFORE...



I THOUGHT
THAT HIGH
SCHOOL PRO-
DUCER WOULD
BE WITH YOU
TODAY, BUT I
DON'T SEE
HIM.



AH, WE'RE
WITH SOME-
ONE ELSE
TODAY-!



HAHAHA,
YOU'RE
RIGHT!

HEHE, IF HE
WAS, HE'D
STAND OUT
MORE THAN
WE WOULD.



SO HE'S WEARING
SOME SORT OF
DOG COSTUME
TODAY?



AMAZING,
CAN YOU
TELL US A
TRICK TO
TELL THEM
APART?

I CAN TELL
THE DIFFER-
ENCE BETWEEN
AMI AND MAAMI,
YOU KNOW!

THERE HAVE
BEEN MEMBERS
GOING IN AN OUT
OF 765 WINGS
LATELY. WHEN
YOU GET TO MY
AGE, REMEM-
BERING THEIR
NAMES IS A
CHALLENGE.



PLEASE
LET US
HEAR IT!



OOOPS, NOW
IT'S TIME FOR
A SONG FROM
TODAY'S
GUESTS, 765
WINGS.

G3 G3..



WE WERE
SUPPOSED TO
BE TOGETHER,
SO WHY DID
SHE...?



AT THAT TIME
MIKI AND I WERE
WORKING HARD
TOGETHER...



PLEASE
LET US
HEAR IT!



THEY ALL
SEEM LIKE
THEY'RE
DOING
WELL.



AH, TAKANE!
PERFECT
TIMING, THE
GIRLS FROM
765 PRO
ARE ON THE
RADIO...





I WANT TO
ASK ABOUT
THE REASON
YOU TRANS-
FERRED INTO
961 PRO.

MIKI... I HAVE
A QUESTION
FOR YOU...



WHAT
IS IT?



...EH?



T-TAKANE...
YOU LOOK
KINDA SCARY
RIGHT NOW...



...THAT WAS
A SONG BY
765 WINGS.



OH, WE
NEVER HAD
ANY TROUBLE
WITH PROMO-
TIONS.

THIS FEELS
PRETTY
NOSTALGIC.

IT'S A BIT
FRUSTRAT-
ING TO SAY,
BUT THAT'S
ONE OF 961
PRO'S STRONG
POINTS.

BEFORE, GET-
TING JUST ONE
SONG TO PLAY
LIKE THIS WAS
REALLY DIFFI-
CULT.

NO, I DON'T
KNOW THE
NUMBER...

WHO'S
THAT? KOTO-
RISAN?



EH...
SHIJOU?

HELLO. MIGHT THIS
BE THE PHONE
NUMBER OF TAKAGI
YUUTAROU?



I ASKED
HOSHI MRS. I
HEARD YOU
WERE INJURED,
BUT IT SEEMS
YOU'RE DOING
WELL NOW.

H-HOW DO YOU
KNOW MY PHONE
NUMBER?!

"SHIJOU"
YOU SAID?
TAKAGI?!



THE TRUTH IS THAT
I'D LIKE US TO
MEET ALONE...

I WAS RE-
LEASED FROM
THE HOSPITAL
YESTERDAY...
BESIDES THAT,
WHY ARE YOU
CALLING ME?



IT'S IMPORTANT
INFORMATION
ABOUT MIKI AND
HIKARI... THAT I
WANT TO TELL
YOU.



YES, SINCE
I DON'T
OFTEN
HAVE FREE
TIME...

R-RIGHT
NOW!?

SO THAT'S
WHY YOU
WANT TO
MEET WITH
ME...



WELL...



OKAY...
WHAT
TIME...



GOT IT.
I'LL LEAVE
AS SOON
AS I CAN...
WHERE ARE
WE MEET-
ING...



BUT...



THEN I'M
COMING
TOO



YEAH.

YOU'RE
GONNA
GO MEET
WITH
TAKANE?



HIBIKI...



NO WAY. I'M
INDEBTED TO
THEM FOR
COVERING
FOR ME! I
CAN'T LET
YOU GO
ALONE!



...ALL
RIGHT.







I BELIEVE THAT
THE REASON
HOSHI MIKI
TRANSFERRED
TO 961 PRO IS
RELATED TO
THIS...

REGRETTABLY
SO... SINCE
THAT'S WHAT
I'VE GATHERED
FROM A CON-
VERSATION I
OVERHEARD.



FROM
KUROKI'S
DESK...
SO THESE
PICTURES
WERE TAKEN
UNDER HIS
ORDERS...!?



ALSO,
PRESIDENT
KUROKI SAID
THIS...



WHA...
R-REALLY!?



**I'LL CRUSH
HER WITH ALL
MY MIGHT...**

"I WILL NOT
FORGIVE GANAH
HIBIKI FOR SUL-
LYING MY NAME.
IF SHE HAPPENS
TO APPEAR AT
ANOTHER
AGENCY





WHY... DID
YOU TELL
THIS TO US,
SHIJOU?



FOR S&B PRO,
TELLING US
THIS... NO,
SHIJOU, THIS
DOESN'T
HELP YOU AT
ALL....!?



...YES?



YOU'RE
PROBABLY
CORRECT.



THAT'S
WHY... NO,
BECAUSE
OF THAT...

I HAVE A DEBT TO
KUROI-DONO FOR
DISCOVERING
ME. ALSO, I CAN
UNDERSTAND
HOW HE FEELS
AS OUR LEADER.



DO YOU NOT
THINK HE
DESIRES BE-
HAVIOR THAT
MATCHES HIS
POSITION?

FOR ONE
WHO ACTS
AS IF HE'S
A KING,

...I FELT LIKE
YOU WERE
CHANNELING
HIM JUST NOW,
SHIJOU.



AH,
BUT THAT
DOESN'T
MEAN OUR
IDOLS ARE
GONNA
LOSE,
OKAY...

THANK
YOU.





BUT
THERE'S NO
TIME TO FINE-
TUNE THE
SCHEDULE...



SHIYOU TAKANE,
JUST WHERE ARE
YOU RIGHT NOW!?
WE'VE GOT A JOB
IN JUST NOW, HEAD
OVER THERE
RIGHT NOW!

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WHO CARES ABOUT
THAT. JUST GET RID
OF THE JOBS WITH
SMALL AUDIENCES!



**I REFUSE
TO LOSE
TO YOU!**

I'LL TAKE
MIKI BACK!
I'LL HAVE
HIBIKI DEBUT
UNDER 765
PRO TOO!

DON'T JOKE
ABOUT THAT!
IDOLS AREN'T
JUST YOUR
TOOLS!



W-WHO THE
HELL ARE
YOU...!?